

BLACK PRINCE ON WAY TO AMERICA

Nephew of Abyssinia's King Says If Society Welcomes Monkey He Should Not Be Barred.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—A real prince and a very lively one is about to leave the shores of Germany for a visit to the United States, where he hopes to shine in society, though he is black. "Monkey," as I, who am a son of King Menelik of Abyssinia's brother, ought to find it a chink.

The prince, who is twenty-three years old, and who calls himself Ludwig Menelik, has had a very checkered career since he came to Europe some months ago. His last experience was in a cell in a Leipzig jail, where he sat pending a hearing in which he was accused of swindling his landlady out of rent. He was acquitted because the court thought that the misunderstanding had arisen from the fact that the prince speaks only Abyssinian and English, both of which languages were Greek to his landlady.

In court he told that he had lost a trunk with 12,000 marks and all his papers while traveling in Scotland, and because he had no papers he was banished from Saxony and came to this city, where he applied to the Abyssinian consul for assistance.

He will remain here until his money arrives, and will then go to the United States, where he intends to stay at least a year.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE.

Edward A. Kimball, of Chicago, one of the foremost lecturers in the Christian Science body, will expound the tenets of his faith this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the National Theater. The public is invited.

FLEET NOT READY; ENGLAND WORRIED

Seven Large Battleships Have Been Disabled Since March.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The British admiralty is very much troubled by the publicity given to the fact that the so-called "instantly ready" fleet upon which England must rely for the defense of her shores is anything but instantly ready. One after the other, seven great battleships used as flagships for the admiral of the fleet have broken down since March, and at one time there was nothing available for his use but a 300-ton torpedo boat destroyer.

At the recent maneuvers the admiral hoisted his flag in the battleship Victoria, which proved to be in so bad a condition that it was barely possible for him to remain on board until the maneuvers were over, when it was necessary to hurry and transfer the flag to the Magnificent, and now it turns out that this great battleship, too, is so badly in need of docking that she may have to be rushed to Chatham any day. The people of England, who are heavily taxed to keep up an enormous navy, are beginning to grumble because there seems to be a good reason to believe that in case of war with a great power the British fleet might meet with the same fate that overtook the Russian (Admiral Rojestvensky's) Baltic squadron.

It is especially galling to the British people that the German navy, one year after another, has proved itself in excellent condition, ready to give battle on a few hours' notice.

FOUR MEN HELD AS VAGRANTS.

Four men, apparently without visible means of support, were arrested near Pennsylvania avenue by Officer Newkirk yesterday. The men were taken to the Police Court, where they will be tried Monday.

CENTRAL AMERICANS REACH AGREEMENT

Delegates to Conference Will Sign the Treaties Friday.

The Central American peace conference practically concluded its labors yesterday, when it was announced that the delegates had agreed upon and were ready to sign seven treaties. The most important step toward the preservation of peace in Central America consisted in the agreement on the treaty establishing a permanent court, as outlined yesterday.

The other treaties will be: One of extradition, one for the establishment of a Central American Pedagogical Institution, one for the establishment of an International Central American Bureau of American Republics at Washington, a financial convention, a treaty for the establishment of better communication between the countries, and a general treaty of peace and amity.

The delegates, after the session of yesterday morning, were entertained at lunch by Mr. Anderson, their president, at the Willard Hotel. Next Friday morning the delegates will reassemble at their quarters and formally sign the treaties above referred to.

In the afternoon of the same day the conference will be formally dissolved, and on Saturday night the delegations of the conference will offer a dinner to the Secretary of State, the Cabinet, members of the various diplomatic representations interested, and representatives of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate and House. Many of the delegates will probably leave for their homes immediately thereafter.

LABOR'S PAPER OPPOSED TO TAFT

Organ of Local Unions Says They Will Fight Him.

The Trades Unionist, the official organ of organized labor in the District, in its issue of yesterday devotes six columns to the candidacy of Secretary of War Taft, warning the Republican party that if it nominates Mr. Taft organized labor will oppose his election.

Mr. Taft is referred to as "Father of Injunctions" and much space is devoted to his record while a judge of a United States court, it being alleged that in that capacity he permitted the issuing of injunctions against labor organizations when there was no just cause for them.

An editorial in the current number of The American Federationist by Samuel Gompers opposing the nomination and election of Mr. Taft is reproduced in full and the fact that the Norfolk convention of the American Federation of Labor took action against Mr. Taft because of his judicial record on injunctions is cited.

GIRLS ARE GOOD.

Law court records and reformatory institutions show that only a very small percentage of girls, as compared to boys, are lawless or criminally inclined.

St. Paul's Cathedral Weak; Immense Outlay of Money Is Necessary for Repairs

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Official investigation has proved that even if St. Paul's Cathedral, in this city, is in no danger of sudden collapse, it is, to say the least, in a very unsatisfactory condition and in need of repairs, which will cost many thousands of pounds.

The main points of weakness in the Cathedral are the dome, the south transept, and the western towers and portico.

The dome is carried on eight great piers about thirty feet long. The weight of the superstructure rests much more on the inner ends of these eight piers than on the outer ends, and the sinking of these piers has set up movements overhead.

The two towers are out of the perpendicular, the one to the north and the other to the south, and the portico, which has been said to be the only firm piece of construction in the cathedral, has followed the direction of the towers and, in addition, has moved westward. These inclinations are sufficient in themselves to jeopardize the safety of the two wide arches of the portico between the towers.

After considerable repair and much renewal the portico has been restored to its original state, and, assuming that existing conditions can be maintained, may be said to be safe.

The queer case of Constable Roman who was apparently found drowned in the River Liffey, and afterward discovered hiding in an attic, has been a nine days' wonder in the Irish capital.

FIRTH STEEL COMPANY TO MAKE ARMY SHELLS

One million six hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars is the amount involved in a contract awarded by the Navy Department to the Firth Sterling Steel Company for making 2,300 armor-piercing targets and common shells. This company, whose plant is located at Giesboro Point, Md., a short distance from Washington, received the lion's share of a \$3,000,000 contract and hopes to have all the shells made within the next eighteen months. Three thousand 12-inch shells will be made by the Firth Sterling Company, 2,500 8-inch; 2,500 7-inch, and 24,000 6-inch shells will also be manufactured by the company.

The Crucible Steel Company, of Harrison, N. J., will provide 1,000 12-inch shells at \$220 each, and 300 12-inch shells at \$300 each. The Bethlehem Steel Company, of South Bethlehem, Pa., was awarded the contract for 40,000 5-inch shells, at \$2.90 each.

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Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, black, white, tan, navy, pink, sky, lavender, and red; regular \$2 value. Special. \$1.39

Ladies' Fine Lace Lisle and Embroidered Hose, double sole; spliced heel. Special. 75c

Ladies' Silk Hose, hand embroidered; hose extra fine quality; \$3.00 value. Special. \$2.25

Ladies' Fine Embroidered Lisle Hose, double sole, spliced heel. Special. 50c

Boys' Black Ribbed Hose, double sole, spliced heel; good wearing; all sizes. Special. 25c

Misses' Fine Ribbed Silk Lisle Hose; double sole, spliced heel; 35c value. Special. 25c

Misses' Fine Ribbed Lisle Hose, medium weight; double sole, spliced heel; Hermsdorf dye. Special. 25c

Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose; double heel and toe. Special. 25c

Men's Fast Black Half Hose; all sizes; 35c value. 6. \$1.48

Men's Fast Black and Natural Gray Wool Half Hose; 35c value. 25c

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Men's Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, initial, tape borders and plain hemstitched; actual value, 50c. Special. 50c

Men's Heavyweight Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, plain and initial; regular value, \$1.25. Special. \$1.00

Black and White Brocaded Silk Mufflers; regular 75c value. Special. 50c

A large assortment of Fancy Silk Mufflers, as well as plain black and white brocaded; \$1.25 value. Special. \$1.00

Hemstitched Embroidered Handkerchiefs, all linen; actual value, 30c each. 6 in a fancy box. Box. \$1.50

All-linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 4 in a fancy box. \$1.00

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Beautifully Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Put up 6 in a fancy box for special. \$2.00

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Choice, 15c, 25c and 50c each

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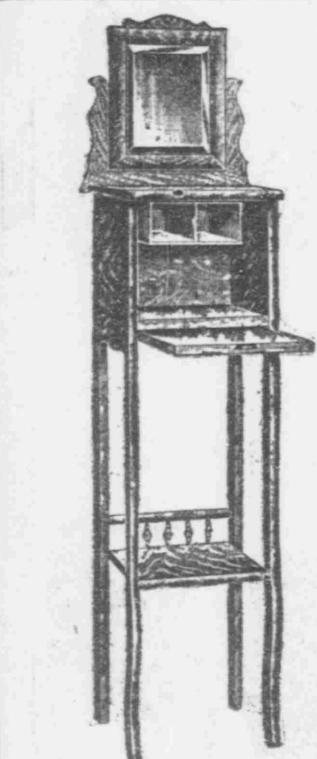


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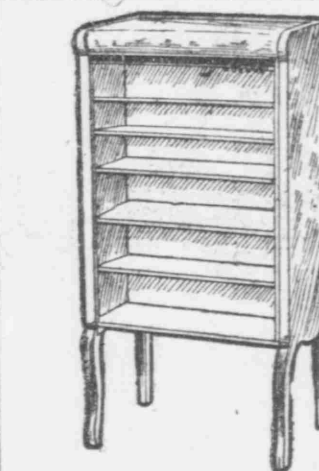
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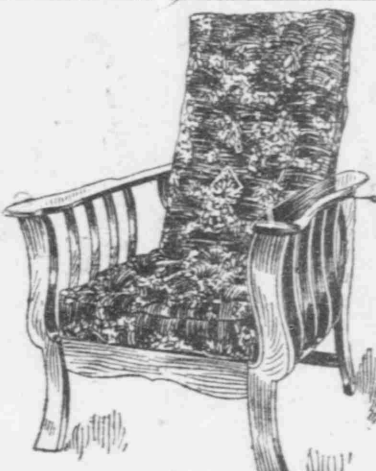
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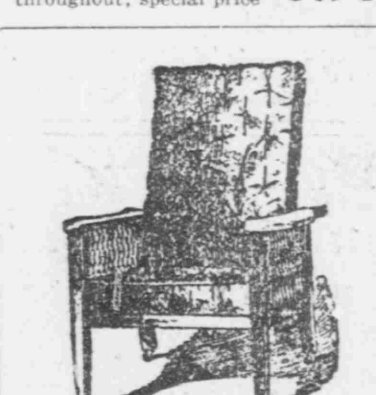
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